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Caribbean Connections - Panel Discussion

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Tuesday 1 December

5:15 PM

Virtual Event - hosted by the Massachusetts Historical Society

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This panel brings together the work of two historians investigating the Caribbean. Casey Schmitt's paper explores the intersection of warfare and human trafficking in the 17th century. Unmet demand for enslaved labor in smaller markets coupled with near-constant warfare among major European powers in the region reinforced practices of raiding and captivity. Schmitt's paper shows how the lure of seizing captives facilitated manning expeditions during wartime, and demonstrates the centrality of violence against enslaved communities to 17th-century warfare. Carrington-Farmer's paper explores how 18th century New Englanders diversified their thriving equine breeding and exportation business in an effort to meet an increasing demand for mules in the West Indies. Whilst New England's foray into mule breeding never reached the success of its horse enterprises, the lengths that farmers and merchants went to start a breeding program demonstrates how wider Atlantic markets drove New England's economy.

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